



Boston City Council
Committee on Public Safety
Stephen J. Murphy, Chair

October 20, 2010

Dear Councillors:

The Boston City Council's Committee on Public Safety to which was referred, on April 28, 2010 – August 4, 2010 – August 25, 2010 – September 15, 2010 and September 29, 2010 [respectively]:

Docket # 0592 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$400,000.00 from the Federal Government under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Assurance Planning for the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.*

Docket # 1076 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$11,651,680.00 from DHS, UASI Grant FY 2009 to address the unique, planning, training, exercise, equipment and operational needs of large urban areas.*

Docket #1078 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,400,000.00 from various Government Agencies, including FEMA, as reimbursement for expenses incurred due to storms & flooding in March & April 2010.*

Docket # 1079 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,378,249.00 from DHS for the purpose of catastrophic planning within the designated region, including the Boston Urban Area, Providence Urban Area, Commonwealth of Mass, State of New Hampshire and Rhode Island.*

Docket # 1081 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Academy to establish in accordance with General Law Ch.44, Sec. 53E1/2 a revolving fund to accept from the fund up to max of \$200,000.00 for purpose of purchasing training equipment, certifying instructors, updating facilities and providing funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted for.*

Docket # 1145 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Department to accept & expend a Port Security Program Grant of \$1,180,257.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for construction of CBRNE Watercraft.*

Docket # 1146 - *Message and order authorizing the Public Health Commission to accept & expend a grant of \$750,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs FY 2009 Discretionary Grant Programs, for the purpose of violence intervention & prevention in the City.*

Docket # 1147 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend \$300,000.00 of the FY 2010 ICAC Program award, from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, to identify child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, provide services and support for them & investigate & prosecute cases against adults who exploit children and youth.*

Docket # 1224 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$ 904,932.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the FY 09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds for supporting crime prevention & law enforcement.*

Docket # 1225 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept & expend a grant of \$307,967.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2010 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program.*

Docket # 1226 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY 2010 (VAWA) STOP grant of \$43,560.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to support the BPD's Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate.*

Docket # 1351 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$749,828.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Second Chance Act Prisoner Re-entry Initiative for the purpose of funding the Boston Re-entry Partnership Initiative.*

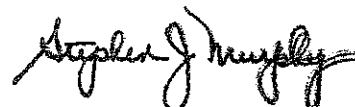
Docket # 1352 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$175,000.00 from the FY 2010 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.*

Docket # 1353 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expand a grant of \$172,574.00 from the FY 2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Formula funded by the National Institute of Justice.*

Docket # 1354 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$80,000.00 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grants Program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs passed through from the Massachusetts State Police.*

Docket # 1355 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$75,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the purpose of supporting law enforcement response to human trafficking.*

having considered the same, I respectfully recommend that these matters ought to pass.



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Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP)
FFY2009 Funding Accept & Expend Hearing

RCPGP is a FEMA sponsored grant program to provide funding to ten sites nationwide to support planning for catastrophic events. The **Boston** site encompasses the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the states of New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

A “catastrophic event” is a natural or manmade incident that results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage and disruption which severely affects population, infrastructure, environment, economy, and national morale. Our program seeks to create coordinated response capability between our local and state agencies to deal with the sustained impacts over a period of time when their own individual agency resources are taxed.

FFY2009 RCPGP Funding: \$1.42M

- *Perform Regional All-Hazards Risk Assessment (\$261,000)*
 - Form an understanding of the totality of risk facing the Region to allow for better prioritization and execution of planning efforts.
- *Regional Disaster Housing Plan (\$455,000)*
 - Create Regional Disaster Housing Task Force;
 - Create coordination plan for dealing with long-term housing shortage or support from a catastrophic event;
 - Create an exercise scenario to test this plan.
- *Regional Commodities Distribution & Prepositioning Plan (\$530,900)*
 - Identify the critical supplies needed to support catastrophic event response;
 - Identify gaps in supplies that are needed and procure items to meet these gaps;
 - Determine optimal locations throughout the region where these supplies can be staged.